

City Council
Transportation
Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, September 29, 2005

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Mayor Jose Esteves, Vice Mayor Armando Gomez, Greg Armendariz, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva, Jaime Rodriguez, Tom Williams

1. Call to Order

- The Transportation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Forum

There were no members in the audience

4. Approval of August Meeting Minutes*

- The Transportation Subcommittee approved the August meeting minutes.
M/S Gomez/Esteves

5. City Resurfacing Project- *Continued*

- City Staff Greg Armendariz continued the discussion of the City Resurfacing Project by sharing an updated Powerpoint presentation on the existing Resurfacing Program and recommendation
- Mr. Armendariz distributed information on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Pavement Management Program and how Milpitas measures up with other Cities in the Bay Area Region.
- Currently, the City's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is an average of 76, which is a very good condition, based on MTC. Mayor asked for examples of streets and associated PCI rating. Streets such as Abel and Main Street have lower PCIs than the City average, at PCI of approximately 63 for Main Street and approximately 67 for Abel Street.
- Mr. Armendariz shared the following budget scenarios
 - Maintain the current budget- PCI decreases to 68 by 2007
 - Maintain the current PCI- Funding increases to additional \$3 M
 - Improve PCI by 5 points- Increased funding to additional \$5.5 M, increasing PCI to 81.
- RECOMMENDATION
 - Staff requests to continue pursuing outside funding sources for the program.
 - The new STP would provide \$250,000 per year;
 - RDA funding and developer funds from KB Homes programmed \$5 M for improvements on Main and Abel Streets, for the Midtown Project.
 - ¼ Cent sales tax would provide \$400,000 after the year 2008.
- ACTION
 - Vice Mayor Gomez requests staff to postpone moving forward reporting to the Council on the Pavement Program, until Phase 2 of the Clean and Safe

Streets Program is completed. The program would be able to tie-in with this newly approved Clean and Safe Streets Program.

- Staff was asked to report back via email or memo on repairing and maintenance of private sidewalk ownership as discussed previously at a City Council Meeting.

6. Speed Surveys- Calaveras Boulevard

- City Staff Jaime Rodriguez requested this item to be continued to the October meeting.

7. Status of City-Leased Electric Vehicles-*Discussion*

- Staff Joe Oliva discussed that the lease of the 3 Toyota electric vehicles (EV) the City obtained through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will expire at the end of this year 2005. The City has 3 options:
 1. Return the 3 leased vehicles in January 2006
 2. Continue to lease the 3 vehicles for 12 months at \$530 per month per vehicle
 3. Purchase the 3 vehicles from Toyota for a total of \$26,000.
- Mr. Oliva stated that 2 of the 3 vehicles are used as back up vehicles with a total mileage of 3,000 over 3 years. The 3rd vehicle is use in use by the Building department, with a total of 11,000 miles over 3 years.
- With alternate technology such as hybrid and hydrogen vehicles, staff feels the use and maintenance of electric vehicles is outdated and newer technology will present itself for the City to pursue grant funding for.
- RECOMMENDATION
 - Staff recommends to return the 3 leased vehicles to Toyota in January 2006 and to pursue grant funding when newer technology is available.
 - The Transportation Subcommittee supports the staff recommendation. The Subcommittee requests staff provide feed back to the Air District on the EV technology as well as provide the Council with the EV Annual reporting to the Air District.

8. VTA ¼ Cent Sales Tax

- Staff Joe Oliva reported that at the last VTA Board Workshop, on September 16, VTA staff presented to the Board three (3) quarter (1/4) cent sales tax scenarios
 1. Beginning in 2008, permanent ¼ cent sales tax allowing BART construction and completion to be scheduled on time by the year 2015, with the rest of the VTA projects to follow.
 2. Delaying BART by 3 years to 2018, allowing other projects to be prioritized ahead of BART. This is a permanent sales tax as well
 3. Presented by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), a 30 year ¼ cent sales tax which would delay BART by 3 years to 2018 and reprioritize other projects. This 'sunset' sales tax would allow the City of Milpitas to have the \$400,000 pavement management funding.
- In order to place this item on the November 2006 Ballot, the Board would have to take the action by December 2005.
- ACTION- Staff will provide more information at the next Transportation Subcommittee.

9. Other Business

All items under "Other Business" are for information and updates only. City staff will follow up on these items and possibly agendaize for future meetings.

- *Calaveras Planned Study Report(PSR)*
 - Staff Greg Armendariz is requesting to present to the City Council in November the Calaveras PSR. This project is listed as the # 1 project in the County's Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030. The PSR would review the Calaveras Overcrossing as well as Calaveras Boulevard between Interstate 680 to 237/880 to provide safe crosswalks, identify and unclog the bottleneck at Abel and Calaveras and auxiliary lanes. The completion of the PSR would allow the project to move forward once funding is available.
 - The total cost of the PSR is \$350,000. VTA would partner and provide \$150,000. Milpitas would collect traffic impact costs from developers in the amount of \$100,000 as well as possible additional developer and RDA funds.
 - The Transportation Subcommittee approves of presenting the Calaveras PSR to the City Council at the November meeting.
- *237/880 Landscaping*
 - Mr. Armendariz also updated the Subcommittee on obtaining funding from Caltrans and the VTA to completed the landscaping at the 237/880 interchange. By Spring 2006, the bare land at the interchange will become weeds. Staff is working with Caltrans and the VTA to address landscaping, trash collection and maintenance.
 - Currently, Caltrans has \$2 million for maintenance that they have identified for availability to use for landscaping of the interchange, , provided the City is willing to agree to maintain the landscaping (and trash) for 18 years. The annual cost of maintenance is estimated as much as \$150,000.
 - Staff is looking to other options such as "Adopt-a-highway" program with adjacent businesses, in order to reduce the annual trash and maintenance costs.
 - The current cost estimate for the landscape project is \$3.5 million, with the City's contribution coming from a possible \$1.5 million trade from the Light Rail median maintenance near Great Mall Parkway.
 - RECOMMENDATION- Staff is requesting to bring the landscaping and financial discussion regarding the 237/880 landscaping interchange to the City Council at the October 18 meeting.
 - The Transportation Subcommittee agrees.
- *I-680 Soundwall*
 - Mayor Esteves requested an updated on the Soundwall. Mr. Armendariz stated the 680 soundwall work is complete on the west side of 680 from Highway 84 to Calaveras Blvd.
 - Sunnyhills has not been funded, but staff is still pursuing Caltrans for funding.
 - The east side of 680 soundwalls are not eligible until the HOT Lanes project has moved forward in 2009.
- *Clean and Safe Streets Program*

- Vice Mayor Gomez requested the Clean and Safe Streets Program be agendized for the next meeting.

10. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting- Thursday, October 27, 2005, 5:30 pm

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.